

Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A performance information monitoring method using computers, wherein a first computer performs ~~comprising~~ the steps of:

- accepting information on a group relating to a the ~~first computer in the first~~ computer;
- storing said accepted group information in a storage in the first computer;
- accepting performance information sent ~~from a second computer in the first~~ computer;
- comparing performance information of the second computer previously stored in a storage with the performance information ~~received~~ accepted from the second computer ~~in the first computer~~;
- judging whether or not said second computer is included in the information of said group when finding a ~~difference between~~ change in the performance information ~~in of the second computer based on~~ the comparison result; and
- transmitting an instruction to the computer included in said group information to change a performance information collection interval according to said judgment ~~result~~ result,

wherein said performance information is monitored to detect an event of an

input or output to or from a storage, and said instruction is made to shorten the performance information collection interval when a number of events of the detected input or output to or from the storage exceed a prescribed threshold value.

2. (original) The method as set forth in claim 1, wherein said performance information includes at least one of a storage capacity, a storage used capacity, and a storage free capacity.

3. – 6. (canceled)

7. (currently amended) A performance information monitoring method using a computer, wherein said computer detects an ~~occurrence~~ event of an input or output to or from a disk and transmits an instruction to change a data collection interval according to a detection result of said ~~input/output occurrence~~ input or output event, and the transmission of the instruction to change the data collection interval is made to shorten the data collection interval when a number of events of the input or output to or from the disk exceeds a prescribed threshold value.

8. (original) The method as set forth in claim 7, wherein, at the time of transmitting the instruction to change said data collection interval, said computer judges whether or not the data collection interval is in a predetermined range between upper and lower values of the data collection interval and transmits an

instruction to change said data collection interval according to said judgment result.

9. – 10. (canceled)